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Washington, March 3.—Rear-Admiral O'Neil, chief of ordnance of the navy, has compiled some interesting information relating to the ammunition expended in the naval battles at Manila and off Santiago. Judging from the standpoint of value the fight with Cervera's squadron cost this government in ammunition expended \$84,895. The ammunition expended in the fight off Santiago was \$167,700. The total weight of ammunition expended in the fight off Santiago was 114.2 tons. The weight of metal thrown was 114.2 tons.

FILIPINO RAID.

Capture of Town and One of the Head Officials.

Manila, March 2.—While Governor Flores, of the province of Rival, was chasing Felisardo and his band over the hills of Cavite, Felisardo with only 25 men, armed with rifles, entered the town of Cavite, in Moron province, and captured the president, Senor Ampila, and a majority of the police of the town. Senor Ampila has long been known as an enthusiastic sympathizer and it is feared he may be killed. A strong force of constabulary has been sent to his aid.

The correspondence captured with General Lukban, in the island of Samar, is of the greatest value. It implicates several Filipinos who have not heretofore been suspected of complicity with the insurgents.

The United States Philippine commission have received a cablegram from the governor of Cebu saying that a violent assault has been committed by the municipal police of Cebu, upon the person of the Spanish consul at that port. The governor says that the assault was instigated by the President of Cebu, Senor Reyes, who has been suspended pending an investigation which was also ordered. The Spanish consul was popular and well liked.

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Derelict Not A Sealer

Oscar and Hattie Arrived Safely Off Outer Wharf Last Night.

Schooner Seen From Carmanah Believed to Be the Laura Pike.

The sealing schooner Oscar and Hattie, Capt. Blackstad, which put into Harland Creek, a week ago Sunday, in a leaking condition, arrived at the Outer Wharf last night, and the captain, mate and one of the crew came ashore in one of the boats. The news of her arrival will be received with rejoicing in the city, as it was feared yesterday when the lighthouse-keeper at Carmanah Point reported that a derelict schooner was drifting off there, that the sealing schooner with her crew of twenty-six Victorians had met with disaster. After putting into Harland Creek and re-loading to the sealing company, Capt. Blackstad took his schooner to Uclulet, where he beached her and made repairs necessary before attempting to make the trip to Victoria. She left Uclulet on Sunday at 10 o'clock, and made a good trip to port. The weather being unsteady until late in the afternoon, one aft and the other forward. A boat was lowered and an examination made of the derelict, but all that could be made out was that it was the Laura Pike, the name of the wrecked vessel was "O". One thing is certain, however, she was not a sealer. It is the belief that the derelict is the same one that has been off the coast for some time, or the sealers may have been mistaken in the letter, and it may be the Laura Pike, which has been drifting off the coast since being abandoned.

It was two weeks ago that the Oscar and Hattie suffered the damage which caused her to be beached. The schooner was struck by heavy seas, which started the engine from the stern post, causing the vessel to leak. She was taking water very quickly, and it was necessary to man all the pumps to keep her afloat. The crew worked continuously at the pumps until the engine of Harland Creek was reached. When the vessel had been off the beach, Capt. Blackstad decided to go to Uclulet to make temporary repairs, as there is no beach in Harland Creek suitable for beaching a vessel. Repairs having been effected, a start was made for Victoria. The Oscar and Hattie had a catch of 24 fish. Continuous bad weather interfered with sealing during the cruise.

MEETING TONIGHT.

This evening Col. Prior, Minister of Mines, and other prominent speakers in the interest of the Government candidate, will address the electors in the F. Y. M. C. A. hall at Spring Ridge. The interesting speeches delivered at the theatre meeting last evening will be elaborated upon.

CHINESE REFORMERS.

Third Annual Convention of the Society Held in Victoria.

The third annual provincial convention of the Chinese Empire Reform Association was held on Sunday. Meetings were held at the rooms of the association, on Government street, and after a public meeting at the theatre, on Sunday afternoon, a banquet was held on Sunday night at the association rooms on Government street, over which the yellow dragon of China. One of the works for the furtherance of the Reformer's cause, the establishment of a printing establishment and book factory, to be started at Shanghai, China, where all ancient and modern literature, the perusal of which is deemed beneficial to the millions of China, will be printed and issued to the branches of the association throughout China and the world. Public libraries are also to be opened by the Reformers, and each branch of the association will have a library in connection with its establishment. Arrangements are already under way for the establishment of the local library.

The largest meeting of the convention was the public gathering in the Chinese theatre, at which Charley Yip Yuen, the president of the association in Canada, presided, and the Chinese Reformers, calling upon the Chinese people to see that they abode by the laws of the country, that they conformed to its customs, cultivated relationship with its people, and generally endeavored to assimilate and live after the manner of the country in which they resided. He referred in religious terms to the recent alliance between Britain and Japan.

Lee Fook Gay, president of the local branch, spoke of the importance of the open door policy in China and the preservation of the integrity of the empire. Leung An Yuen, Charles Yip, Don Yuen, Yung Ling Shuk and W. A. Gungyow also delivered addresses. After this meeting a banquet was held, at which toasts and speeches enlivened the gathering. Many speakers ably addressing those present. The keynote of the speeches being the need of reform in China. The local association will have a visit from Leung Chi Chu, who will arrive from Japan in about two months.

LOSSES WERE HEAVY.

Over Six Hundred British Casualties and Two Gñs Gone.

London, March 3.—In a dispatch from Pretoria dated today, Lord Kitchener sends details of the disaster to the escort of the convoy of enemy weapons at Vondort, southeast of Klerksdorf, Transvaal Colony. The British casualties, killed, wounded and men made prisoners, reached the total of 632. In addition the Boers captured two guns.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson, who commanded the British force, and who has

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returned to Kraaipan, Cape Colony, with nine officers and 245 men, reports that when his advance guard was within miles of Klerksdorf, during the morning of February 25, the Boers opened a heavy rifle fire on the troops from the scrub. The burghers were driven off and the convoy continued its march when a more determined attack was made on the convoy's left flank, the Boers getting within a hundred yards and stampeding the mules harnessed to a number of wagons. The attackers were driven off.

At about 6:30 in the morning the rear guard was attacked by a strong force of Boers and simultaneously another body of Boers charged and re-charged, riding down the separate British units. The fighting lasted for two hours, during which the two British guns and a pom-pom almost exhausted their ammunition. A detachment of 200 infantry from Klerksdorf attempted to reinforce the British but were held in check by the Boers.

Lieutenant-Colonel Anderson adds that the strength of the Boers was estimated from 1,200 to 2,000. Commandants Delarey, Kempts, Collins, Lemmes, Volmar and Potgieter were all present. Commandant Lemmes is said to have been killed.

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MELBURN—In this city, on January 13th, the wife of Fred Melburn, of a daughter.

MUNROE—In this city, on February 8th, the wife of S. Munroe, of a daughter.

POWER—In this city, on January 31st, the wife of W. Power, of a son.

DIED.

HUMBER—In this city, on the 3rd instant, Louise, the beloved wife of Thomas Humber, a native of Norfolk, England, aged 50 years.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, from the residence of Mr. M. Humber, Topaz avenue. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

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MECHANICS LIEN ACT.

The working of the Mechanics Lien Act has been unsatisfactory in respect to certain classes of labor, particularly those engaged in working in metalliferous mines. A mining company sometimes gets into deep water financially. That company is likely to gamble on the wages of the men whom it employs for discoveries or development which will extract it from its difficulties. This may be an action bad in itself, but it is one which cannot be prevented so long as human nature remains the same as it is today. Still, where such a case arises it should be clearly understood and expressed in a statute, that the men employed in a mine have at least the absolute security of the value of the property for the equivalent of their intelligence and muscle. This is not a matter about which there can be any dispute whatever, unless it is argued that a right and privilege exist for speculative employers to enrich themselves, by labor which they hire at the possible chance of that labor not being paid, and the law ought to protect the workman so far as the law can, namely, up to the value of the property on which he works, as well as up to the personal solvency of the individual or company who hires him. No workman should be expected to play the game of "Heads I come out even, tails I lose." He has nothing to bring to market except his labor, and upon the wages he receives for that, depend his bread and the bread of those dependent upon him. Circumstances often arise in the development of mines where workmen are working for those who hold a property under option, or who work it under contract or lease. The Mechanics Lien Act has been found imperfect to fully protect working miners under such circumstances. About the facts there can be no manner of question. Cases have arisen, and exist to-day, where the Mechanics Lien Act as

applicable to mines fails of its proper purpose, as well as neglecting the interests of equity and justice. This ought to be remedied at once, and we understand that the government is prepared, in fact is preparing, to remedy it. No doubt the Bill introduced in the House will be criticised as to whether it carries out the intention it contains in itself or not. But as to the reasonableness of such application of the principle of The Mechanics Lien Act there can be no question whatever. The prompt action of the government in remedying this defect in the law applicable to such cases, and fearlessly and promptly applying the principles of equity already universally recognized in the province, to matters in which previous legislation is defective, will commend itself to everyone as an instance of businesslike appreciation of the legislative needs which crop up in a new country as it advances.

A FAILURE.

The attempt to throw doubt upon the bona fides of the present government's negotiations with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann is worthy of the cause on whose behalf it is made, and the manner of it, belittling the sources from which it emanates. Let us review the facts. It was known that the Canadian Northern railway company would eventually be built through to the Pacific coast. It became a matter, as it naturally would, of serious consideration to the government whether something could not be done to accelerate the construction of a railway so vitally important to the province of British Columbia. Negotiations were set on foot of which the primary result was that a basis was discovered on which Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann would be willing and able to build the railway more rapidly than otherwise, and thus serve the interests of the province, at the same moment they were enlarging the sphere of the railway and bringing it to its ultimate destination, the Pacific Coast. The method by which more rapid construction would be secured, is by immediate construction from the West to the East, and the advantage of that to the province is so enormous as to require no comment, so important as to be worth some assistance to the road to secure it. In addition to this, the route and terminus of the railway are matters in which the province has a tremendous stake and if we receive valuable concessions in this regard they are worth paying for. This basis of negotiation for mutual advantage having been discovered, the next step was a natural one. Mr. D. D. Mann came to Victoria and met the government. A mutually satisfactory arrangement was arrived at so far as Mr. Mann was personally concerned. He hurried East to lay the matter before the board of directors, of which he himself is an influential member. The arrangement was approved, the document was signed, and is now on its way back to Victoria.

These are the facts. Can any sane man imagine the Board of Directors of the Canadian Northern railway company being involved in a conspiracy to delude the voters of Victoria City? Do they care a snap of their fingers who is in power in British Columbia? They may care very deeply what is in power in British Columbia, a stable government, or the reverse. But their indifference to the persons who compose that government we should think would be clearly understood. The spectacle of Mr. D. D. Mann rushing to Victoria, and his Board of Directors signing important documents for political purposes, would be ludicrous, and is inconceivable. The suggestion of such a thing is the last resort of a ruined opposition. The facts absolutely contradict and dispose of it.

An Ottawa special despatch in last evening's Times states that a letter from Professor Prince was read in the House of Commons yesterday denying the truth of an interview with him on fishery questions published in the Colonist, and stating that no such interview took place. The interview in question was received from the Colonist's Vancouver correspondent, and published on February 9. Our correspondent wired last evening from Vancouver, upholding the truth of his interview and maintaining that the statements attributed to Professor Prince were correctly reported.

MR. BODWELL'S PRINCIPLES.

To the Editor.
Sir—I believe Colonel Prior has not been content with any railway scheme since he and Mr. Riddet abandoned the British Pacific while on the other hand Mr. Bodwell has been trying to extract money from the government to secure charters and subsidies. If I remember rightly Mr. Bodwell promised the people that about thirty miles of railway would be built from Point Roberts to connect with the Great Northern, and that the terminus of the line would be at Victoria, to all intents and purposes, with the terminus of the line here and the ferry, a transcontinental line. Very good. To read between the lines it is quite evident now that he had at that time arranged with the Great Northern that they would build that thirty miles, I think we can say it is an established fact. From a business point of view the Great Northern was and is very anxious to build that portion to get to Point Roberts, and to get to the United States, and with his ability to get cash from the Great Northern, he got cash from the Great Northern, but he expected to pocket the \$100,000 per mile for this thirty miles of railway, for which, if he was smart, as I believe he is, he had already received from the Great Northern a goodly sum. I think it is also a well established fact that Mr. Bodwell had a signed contract with the Great Northern that they would build that thirty miles at the eastern end, and a feeder to their system and without aid, prior to his request for the subsidy for that portion. In fact, he should have paid, if he was not, by the United States company for the privilege to build there in his charter. Thus we now see his financial ability to get cash from the Great Northern, but he expected to pocket the \$100,000 per mile for this thirty miles of railway, for which, if he was smart, as I believe he is, he had already received from the Great Northern a goodly sum. I think it is also a well established fact that Mr. Bodwell had a signed contract with the Great Northern that they would build that thirty miles at the eastern end, and a feeder to their system and without aid, prior to his request for the subsidy for that portion. In fact, he should have paid, if he was not, by the United States company for the privilege to build there in his charter. Thus we now see his financial ability to get cash from the Great Northern, but he expected to pocket the \$100,000 per mile for this thirty miles of railway, for which, if he was smart, as I believe he is, he had already received from the Great Northern a goodly sum.

Provincial

Legislature

Mr. C. E. Pooley Duly Elected
as Speaker Without
Opposition.

Debate on Reply to the Speech
From the Throne—Amend-
ment Offered.

Legislative Chamber, March 3.—
(Fourth Day.)

At half-past two o'clock it was moved by Mr. Price Ellison, and seconded by Mr. Joseph Martin, that Mr. C. E. Pooley be appointed the Speaker of the House. When Mr. Martin had read the resolution, Mr. Richard McBride spoke at some length upon the fitness of Mr. Pooley for such office, and re-asserted the position taken by him on a previous occasion in repudiating Mr. Martin as the leader of the opposition. Mr. Smith Curtis also expressed his concurrence in the choice of Mr. Pooley.

Mr. Pooley was then led up the chamber by Messrs. Ellison and Martin, and on taking the chair replied to the Speaker of the House for this expression of their confidence in him with a handsome tribute to the abilities of the late Speaker, Mr. J. P. Booth, from whose funeral so many of the members had so recently returned.

A message was then introduced by the Hon. Mr. Prentice respecting the granting of public aid to hospitals. This, on being received, was committed forthwith, Mr. Hunter being in the chair and reporting thereon.

Mr. McBride begged leave to notify the Speaker of the House of Hon. J. P. Booth doing so to hasten as far as possible the issuance of a writ for the vacancy in North Victoria. The constituency being an isolated one, he should be filled at once.

CANADIAN NORTHERN.

The leader of the opposition also asked for all the data in connection with the contract between the government and Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann for the construction of the Canadian Northern railway.

Mr. Eberts said the matters would be given the earnest consideration of the government. He declared that the government had no desire to keep back a single word regarding the contract from the honorable members of the House. He did not consider, however, that as a matter of business it was usual to bring down drafts or other memoranda until the completion of the negotiations, but as soon as the signed contract reached them from Toronto it would be transmitted to the House.

Mr. McBride—Have you a draft of it? Hon. Mr. Eberts—We have, but it would be far better to have the contract itself. If the members would be satisfied with a resume of the contract, he would state that its general tenor was to the effect that a railway should be built eastward from Butte inlet to meet the Canadian Northern, and being connected down coast with the Island, and make its terminal point at Victoria. At present some gentlemen seemed inclined to make electioneering capital out of this matter.

Mr. Helmcken here enquired the construction of Mr. Greenfield's in the matter, that gentleman's name having been mentioned. He did not consider that it was a matter of electioneering at all, but one of the greatest importance to the province, and a matter which the country was waiting to hear about. In reply, the Hon. Mr. Eberts stated that when he had gone East some time ago, he had retained Mr. Greenfield's to act on behalf of the province, and as the accredited agent of the British Columbia government in the present negotiations with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann.

Mr. A. E. McPhillips thought that the contract should be brought down without delay. He had understood that the Honorable the Minister of Mines had stated that there was a term in it to the effect that the contract would be void unless the enterprise were backed by a subsidy from the Dominion government.

Hon. Mr. Eberts—That is not so. Mr. McPhillips—Well that is all the more reason that the contract should be brought down. He did not consider that there could be any material changes made between the contract and the draft retained in the government offices here. Mr. Smith Curtis thought, that if any before the contract had been signed by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, it was a very poor way of doing business. There were many material statements being made by members about the matter, and it was very important to have it at once. Mr. Murphy, judged by the silence reigning on the government side of the House, that they were not intending to bring it down, and if such were the case he considered that an indignity was being offered to the people of British Columbia. If Mr. Greenfield had power, when in Toronto, to alter the terms of this contract, then Mr. Greenfield must be practically the government of this province.

Mr. Tarrow considered that the price of the road could not be changed in Toronto, perhaps the government would tell them what that was.

Premier Dunsmuir, in reply, said that the government had no objection to bringing down the contract. The proper time would be when it was ready, but if the House wanted it, they ought to have it.

Hon. Mr. Eberts then promised that he would order that it be copied immediately and brought down without delay.

Mr. Smith Curtis, on a question regarding the Coast-Kootenay road, was here ruled out of order.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were then read and received:

(1) That from the Vancouver and Westminster railway company, for a private bill to amend their corporate act. (No. 2.)

(2) That from Wm. Hunter and others, locomotive engineers, asking amendments to the Steam Boilers Inspection Act.

(3) That from Thomas Woodward and others, residents of Nicola Valley, re route of Coast-Kootenay railway.

(4) That from R. W. Pearce and others, ratepayers of the city of Victoria, opposing amendments to the Municipal Act by Municipal Council without approval of ratepayers.

ADDRESS IN REPLY.

In rising to move the address to the Speech from the Throne, Mr. C. W. Clifford, of Cassiar, acknowledged the honor of the duty that he had undertaken to perform. Before referring to the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, he took occasion to refer to the loss that the House and the country had experienced in the death of the late Speaker, Mr. J. P. Booth. It was of such men as him that a poet had said:

These are the great worth,
Great not by kindly birth,
Great in their well proved worth,
Kind hearts and true.

Touching upon the paragraphs of the Speech from the Throne containing allusions to the visit of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, the Coronation of King Edward VII., and an expression of re-

gret at the continuance of the guerilla warfare in South Africa, the member from Cassiar then proceeded to state that he considered that there were three great questions of paramount importance alluded to in that document, namely, better terms, redistribution, and railway construction.

He read with great satisfaction that a movement upon the lines of better terms had been initiated by the government of the province of Quebec in a motion which ran as follows:

"That in the opinion of this House the revenues allotted to the various provinces by the British North America Act are insufficient to allow of their meeting the requirements of the public service, and at the same time of giving necessary aid to colonization, to agriculture, to the development of our industries, and the improvement of our educational system; that the interpretation given to various clauses of the constitution has endangered the existence of our local institutions, and that the government of Canada and those of the other provinces should be invited to join the government of the province of Quebec in asking the parliament of the United Kingdom to make such changes in the confederation act as may alter the basis on which the federal subsidy is calculated, to secure to the provinces an exclusive control over their imposing export duties on products of their forests and mines, and to confer upon the government of Great Britain the right of disallowing provincial laws now exercised by that of Canada."

This motion was quite in line with the statements contained in the letter of the Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir to Sir Wilfrid Laurier of the 21st of October last, from which he read as follows:

The general question of the relations of the provinces and the Dominion in respect to railways must also inevitably come up for review and adjustment, a most suitable time and place for that understanding. The signs are already not wanting of a conflict which, as the result of an over-lapping control, may some day, if not very soon, become very serious. The superior rights of the Dominion in respect to jurisdiction and the exclusive right of eminent domain possessed by the provinces are, to some extent, irreconcilable, and if it may not be deemed necessary for that purpose to amend the British North America Act, at least some definite agreement should be arrived at in order to obviate friction and promote mutual interests. If the several governments of the Dominion were to confer with a view to adopting a common policy in respect to railways, a practical and mutually satisfactory solution would doubtless be reached and again.

Since 1885, the year in which the completion of the C. P. R. took place, the revenues from the province of British Columbia to the Dominion of Canada have amounted to over \$1,000,000, and the expenditure by the latter in British Columbia has become greater, as is shown by the following statement, each year since 1885—the result largely of internal railway and mining development.

In connection with this, he had no doubt but that the motion offered in the Chamber in Quebec had been inspired by the Premier's references to this great question, and he hoped that some satisfactory conclusion could be reached over it.

Turning to the question of representation, it might be such constituencies as Esquimalt and East and West Lillooet were over-represented, while such a riding as Rossland had not that measure of representation which its vast interests demanded. It should be borne in mind that Cassiar had some claims too for greater representation, but possibly it might have to be contented with a division into north and south ridings. Respecting the bill, it must be remembered too that there must be no gerrymander but a good fair measure should be brought down.

As to the railway question, possibly there might be some who would consider, he thought that there would be little need for him to say anything. It would be threshed out during the election campaign of the present week, and as the Attorney-General had just given his promise that the contract should at once be brought down, they must needs be content.

In the city of Victoria there was a strong sentiment in favor of the Coast-Kootenay railway, and he had hoped that the Kootenay road would have been mentioned in the Speech, but there was no doubt that the project which the government now had in hand was by far the more important one, and that particularly to the city of Victoria. Referring to the fifth clause of His Honor's speech regarding the greatly increased output of the mines of this province, Mr. Clifford proceeded to substantiate it by the following reports: That from \$16,244,751 of the product of the mines in 1900, there had been an increase in 1901 to \$20,713,501. In Cariboo there had been a small falling off, but in West Kootenay and Yale the increase in the value of the output had been very marked.

The fishing industry too, to which His Honor had referred, was one of the greatest in the province, and warranted the expenditure of a great deal more in the establishment of hatcheries on the Fraser, Skeena and the Naas. On the Fraser river 49 canneries, valued at \$2,000,000, had put up 1,000,000 cases, which at \$4.25 per case represented a value of \$4,250,000. At the present time the trap question was agitating this industry, and he had learned from Mr. Babcock, who on Puget Sound 18,000,000 fish had been caught last year, valued at \$7,000,000. The State of Washington raised \$2,643 from this industry through fees alone, and had 16 hatcheries, while the Dominion government had raised \$45,000 in revenues from the fisheries here, and spent less than \$20,000.

The measures referred to by His Honor regarding the bringing in of the country of a large number of people of

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SUPREME AND COUNTY COURTS

Business in Chambers—March
Sitting of Civil Assizes
Today.

In the Supreme Court chambers were held yesterday, and the following business was disposed of:

Before Mr. Justice Drake—
Dunsinuir et al. vs. Colston, an application was granted varying the minutes of the judge for the order made appointing Mr. P. R. Brown as receiver without security. Mr. Peters, K. C. for the defendants, Messrs. Laxton and Gregory for plaintiffs.

Before Mr. Justice Walker—
Applications in Marsden et al. vs. Stand and Cooper Co. et al. and N. A. vs. Harvey were adjourned to the 4th instant. One in Atkinson vs. British Columbia Electric Railway Company was adjourned to the 6th. Another in Boyd vs. the Victoria-Yukon Trading Co. was adjourned to the 7th, and another application to sell claims, etc. in re the Box M. D. Co. was stood over to the 11th instant.

COUNTY COURT.
The trial of the action brought in re the estate of Rosa Mary Heller, deceased, between Thomas Backlund and G. C. Heller, regarding certain property belonging to the estate of the deceased, who died intestate, was proceeded with this morning before Mr. Justice Drake. Several witnesses were heard and an order made that the ordinary administration order be issued and that the defendant account to the court for the sum of \$1,070.

SUPREME COURT TRIALS.
The March sittings of the Supreme Court for the trial of civil actions begins to-morrow morning, some of the important cases being on the list, as follows:

Boyle vs. Victoria Yukon Trading Co.—W. A. Gilmore for plaintiff, J. R. Lawson, Jr., for defendant.
Nol Chung vs. Snider.—A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff, G. B. Powell for defendant.
Westwood vs. Westwood (divorce).—G. B. Powell for plaintiff.
Davis vs. McDonnell.—A. F. R. Martin for plaintiff, G. B. Powell for defendant.
This action has been ordered to stand over until the May sittings of the court.
Robinson vs. Ockell & Morris.—W. M. Griffin for plaintiff, H. M. Cleland for defendant.

Col. Prior is a Victorian, with all he owns at stake.

THE WEATHER

Victoria, March 3—8 p. m.
SYNOPSIS.
The barometer is falling along the coast in advance of an important storm area now centered off Vancouver Island. It is causing southerly gales in this vicinity, which will spread to the Gulf. Heavy rain is falling over Superior and is the cold in Manitoba and Northern Alberta.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	31	46
New Westminster	38	46
Kamloops	28	48
Calgary	10	34
Barkerville	16	28
Winnipeg	0	30
Portland, Ore.	40	50
San Francisco	44	54

FORECASTS.
For 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time).
Tuesday:
Victoria and vicinity: Decreasing southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with occasional showers.
Lower Mainland: Easterly winds, fresh or strong on the Gulf, unsettled and mild, with rain.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.
Report for 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Observations taken daily at 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m.

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a. m.	38	Mean	43
Noon	40	Highest	46
5 p. m.	44	Lowest	37

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m.—8 miles north.
Noon—4 miles southwest.
5 p. m.—4 miles southeast.
Average state of weather—Fair.
Sunshine—7 hours 48 minutes.
Barometer at noon—Observed—29.720
Corrected—29.744

NEW WESTMINSTER.
Barometer at 5 p. m.—Corrected—29.80

	Deg.	Mean.	Deg.
5 a. m.	42	Mean	43
Noon	44	Highest	46
5 p. m.	44	Lowest	40

The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:
5 a. m.—4 miles south.
Noon—20 miles southeast.
5 p. m.—32 miles southeast.
Barometer at noon—Observed—29.992
Corrected—29.992

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Provincial Legislature

(Continued From Page Four.)

the Anglo-Saxon stock, was a most important one indeed. There were vast areas of land in this province awaiting settlement. Caspar alone would afford homes for thousands, and there was need of these people too, the more so when it was known that the province was to be a seat of the pulp industry. The pulp interest, to which this honor had also referred, was one of great promise. From the head of Vancouver Island northward, his own enormous constituency was almost a solid one when it came to the pulp industry. The pulp interest, to which this honor had also referred, was one of great promise. From the head of Vancouver Island northward, his own enormous constituency was almost a solid one when it came to the pulp industry.

The Chinese question, though not alluded to in the speech from the Throne, was still a matter of importance. The yellow hordes would be stopped from getting further foothold in British Columbia. In reference to the Coronation, he had much pleasure in congratulating the country upon the Hon. Mr. Dunsinuir's acceptance of the invitation to attend the ceremonies, the more so when his fitness to represent the province was considered. It would be impossible to find through the whole province one more fit than the great mine owner and multimillionaire to represent the province.

Regarding the Coronation itself, it was most devoutly to be hoped that the King's reign may be glorious, and he was sure that the voice of the people was well expressed by that verse in the National Anthem, which ran:

May he defend our laws
And ever be our King.
To sing with heart and voice,
God Save the King.

With three such important questions as those to which he had referred to discuss, Mr. Clements considered that at the present time there was a special need for unity and harmony on the part of the members of the House, in order that the ends of the province should be best served.

Elections had been said to have been almost as frequent here as revolutions in South America, and while it might be a half story of truth, it was a remark that did British Columbia no good. This province had suffered under some most unfortunate sayings. Sir Edward Blake had once said that it was a son of mountains, and the term had stuck, in spite of the fact that the explorer had found beautiful and most fertile valleys, while in the hills themselves vast mineral deposits awaited the prospector and the miner. He thought that the province might well be likened to Cinderella, and that her envious sisters had had troubles, but at least the day would come when she should be the chosen of them all. (Loud Applause.)

THE SECONDER.
Mr. Richard Hall, in rising to second the motion for the reception of the speech, complimented its mover and made address upon the motion. He considered that the recent visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York was but a fitting recognition of the manner in which British Columbia had responded to the Empire's call in her day of need. As to the coronation, the province should be congratulated upon having so fitting a representative as the Hon. Premier Dunsinuir to send over for the occasion. While all regretted the prolonging of the war in South Africa, all could not be gratified with the part that our own brave boys had played out there and the readiness with which they had sprang to the call of arms. While during the past year the mining interests had suffered under serious difficulties, these were all now being met and an era of prosperity seemed to be setting in. Particularly gratifying was the development of the mineral belt of Vancouver Island, and the growth of its camps and the erection of its smelters.

The question of better terms was one whose importance could not be overlooked. Works were often erected there which possibly should have been the expense of the Dominion government. Referring to the fishing industry, he thought that the introduction of traps would do much for the city of Victoria. Dredging on the coast of Vancouver Island there was a great opportunity for trap

fishing, and the erection of canneries would bring a great many people here to make their homes, and these would have considerable pay rolls to spend. The timber of this province, one of its richest heritages, was particularly well adapted for pulp-making, and it was to be hoped that its utilization for this purpose would not be distant.

MR. McBRIDE.
Mr. Richard McBride prefaced his remarks by expressing his appreciation of the importance of the position in which the members of the opposition had placed him, in making him their leader. He considered that they were their desire to refrain from anything like factious opposition, but that they wished to do all in their power to promote the good government of this province.

In congratulating the mover and seconder of the reply to the Speech, he considered that they had no right to refer to the government in any terms of approval whatever. Since the last session the Premier and Mr. Martin had reached some alliance in spite of the fact that when the administration of Mr. Martin was formed its sole object was its opposition to Mr. Martin; and just so long as this condition was observed, he had been a loyal supporter and faithful colleague. But the moment that agreement was broken by the taking into the cabinet of Mr. Brown, he was obliged to consider himself as severed from connection with the government and go into opposition. So far, too, as the members of the house now on the government side were concerned, he considered that they stood in quite the same shoes and should have possessed the same right of free speech, if any justification of his position were requisite, it was readily found in the return of Mr. Gifford by the people of New Westminster. This was no new subject to discuss, as in 1900 the whole house, with the exception of the Hon. Messrs. Roberts and Wells, were to be found in the votes and proceedings condemning Mr. Joseph Martin as unworthy of the confidence of the Lieutenant-Governor. The people of the province were against Mr. Martin, and he could not or would not be a member of the government, for such it really was, being kept in power only by that member from Vancouver against whom all had once united in condemnation.

The eloquent speeches of these two gentlemen would have been much more eloquent had they been delivered from the opposition side of the House. He had expected that they would have given some explanation of the government, but appeared to have been doomed to disappointment.

Referring to the loss of the late Speaker, he stated that every man on Salt Spring Island had lost his best friend, and the legislature one of its wisest councillors. In the ripe experience and sound judgment of Mr. Pooley all had every confidence, and yet all felt deeply the blow that had fallen upon them in the death of Mr. Booth.

There was no doubt he considered that amongst the needs of this province, the need of better terms was very important. The whole of the province was anxious for some improvement.

Many local works, too, had been built here which, had their need been felt in some of the provinces in the East, not a cent of provincial money had been spent, as the federal government would have seen to their erection. There was no doubt but that the province had been most unfairly dealt with, but that with care and along the lines of the pamphlet from which Mr. Clifford had read some remedy might be found.

Toucheing the question of redistribution, he was glad to see that the old and y. Mainland cry was now buried and that here as well as there a unanimous voice arose demanding fair representation for all parts. This reminded him, however, that four of the present members represented only some \$500, while the senior member of Victoria or the member from Rossland stood in the House for upwards of 2,000 voters each. It was to be expected that any fair measure of redistribution would occasion some slight dissatisfaction, but he was sure that even in the districts which were over-represented would be willing to see justice done.

As to railway construction, he believed that it had been found that the conditions of the act passed during the last session had been too restrictive, and he was glad that some change was now under way. It was peculiar, however, that while the government was so warmly advocating the construction of the Canadian Northern, the House heard so little about the Coast-Kootenay line. He remembered, too, that the third member for Victoria (Mr. Hall) had gone out of his way last year to proclaim his enthusiastic advocacy of that line, and so was surprised at his having omitted to say anything about it in his speech to-day. However, it was all of a piece with the tendency of the government with the third member from Vancouver.

Regarding the railways, however, nothing had been done for six months, and so it appeared to him that it was only an election dodge. Again, what right had the Hon. Mr. Martin, the Commissioner to appoint Mr. Greenshield as a member for this province, when there was lots of good timber to be had out here for that work? This province had both Senators and members of the Commons there to do such work, and why should they be passed over? There was no statutory authority for it, nor could a precedent be found here for such an act, which practically made Mr. Greenshield a member of the Executive Council.

Not only had nothing been said in the Speech about the Coast-Kootenay road, but Cariboo and East Fork Yale had been neglected in this regard.

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by the call to power of the third member for Vancouver (Mr. Martin), and that condition of affairs was justified by the comparative strangers whom he called to his assistance in the government. He thought, too, that the present alliance with Mr. Martin was having a like effect in the same way today.

Turning to the immigration question, Mr. McBride said it was deserving of a somewhat greater reference in the Speech from the Throne. It was a question, too, in which Australia was expressing herself very strongly, and he hoped that the Hon. Mr. Coughlin would be prevailed upon to take some steps towards the protection of white labor. With many others, he was glad to see the strongly-worded report of the Dominion government commission that had lately investigated the trouble. As to fish traps, he personally was very much opposed to their introduction. On Puget Sound it could easily be seen how many people had been robbed by the traps of their livelihood. Of course, it was in the interest of the canners to get in traps, but there were other considerations besides the canners. The one might make more money; but the others could lose still more. An international conference and investigation might be of great advantage to the rights of British Columbia in this matter.

After some references to the pulpwood industry, Mr. McBride spoke of the evils of mining promoting through which he considered a great deal of harm had been done, which was most improperly attributed to the uncertainties of legislation. The government might do something in aid of a silver-lead refinery, and regretted that such a project had not had a place in His Honor's Speech.

On the question of the export of logs, he supported the act of last session, restricting it.

The visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales was one upon which the province should be congratulated. He thought that this visit had done much to forward the cause of Imperial federation, which would strengthen the Empire so very much.

For himself, too, he congratulated the province upon its having received an invitation to send the Premier to the Empire to take part in the coronation ceremonies, and thought that no one could have been found in the whole province better fitted to represent it than the Hon. Premier Dunsinuir, had it not been for the matter to which he had already alluded.

AMENDMENT MOVED.
Before sitting down, Mr. McBride offered the following amendment, seconded by Mr. Curtis:

"That the address in reply be amended by striking out the paragraph in the same referring to a measure of redistribution and the following substituted: 'A bill will immediately be introduced providing for a fair measure of redistribution and will be put through its various stages with all celerity, and the House will be asked to give it precedence over all other bills, so that it may be finally passed and assented before any other bills are read a second time.'"

Mr. Tatlow, in supporting the amendment, prefaced his remarks by saying that in speaking to the amendment he would have a further opportunity to speak to the motion. This right was, however, disputed by Mr. Martin, whose point was sustained, and so Mr. Tatlow proceeded with the debate by throwing some doubt upon the good faith of the government upon this question. Reading from an article in an up-country paper, he showed that quite a number of the members favored a good measure of redistribution.

Premier Dunsinuir—We're all in favor of it.

Continuing, Mr. Tatlow attacked the Premier upon the ground that some of his employees had seats in the House and accorded him their support.

In reply to a question from Mr. McInnes, Mr. Tatlow admitted that he had once voted against just such a motion as the one he was now advocating.

Mr. Martin—Have matters changed much since then?

Mr. Tatlow—There had not been a census taken since then. Mr. Martin—But the other things have not changed, but you changed. You were a servile supporter of the government. (Laughter.)

Mr. Tatlow then went into the history of the formation of Premier Dunsinuir's government.

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The debate was here very much interrupted by numerous questions and answers, complicated with some criticisms of Mr. Tatlow's taste in going into this question, when, as C. O'cock was near, an adjournment was moved until this afternoon.

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